5. Minister of State (Women & Child Development) 82
6. Chairmen of various Vidyalaya Management Committee (VMC) 1848
7. Secretaries and other officers :

Nil

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(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Development of Tamil Language**

2020. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether after the declaration of Tamil language as the classical language, it has not been taken over by his Ministry from the Ministry of Culture;

(b) if so, by when it would be taken over for the purpose of development and promotion which cannot be done by the Ministry of Culture and-if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the areas or the spheres of development pertaining to Tamil language in this context; and

(d) whether his Ministry has entrusted the Central Institute of Indian Languages for developing Tamil language in all spheres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) The Government of India in its notification No. IV-14014/7/2004-NI-ll (Ministry of Home Affairs) dated 12th October 2004 has declared Tamil as a classical language and the Ministry of Culture is to take further steps to follow up and implement the decision. Ministry of Human Resource Development is responsible for development of all Indian languages including Tamil.

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Human Resource Development has started a new scheme for promotion and development of Tamil Language through the Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore which also includes setting up a Centre of Excellence, Awards, Fellowships and Tamil Language Promotion Board.